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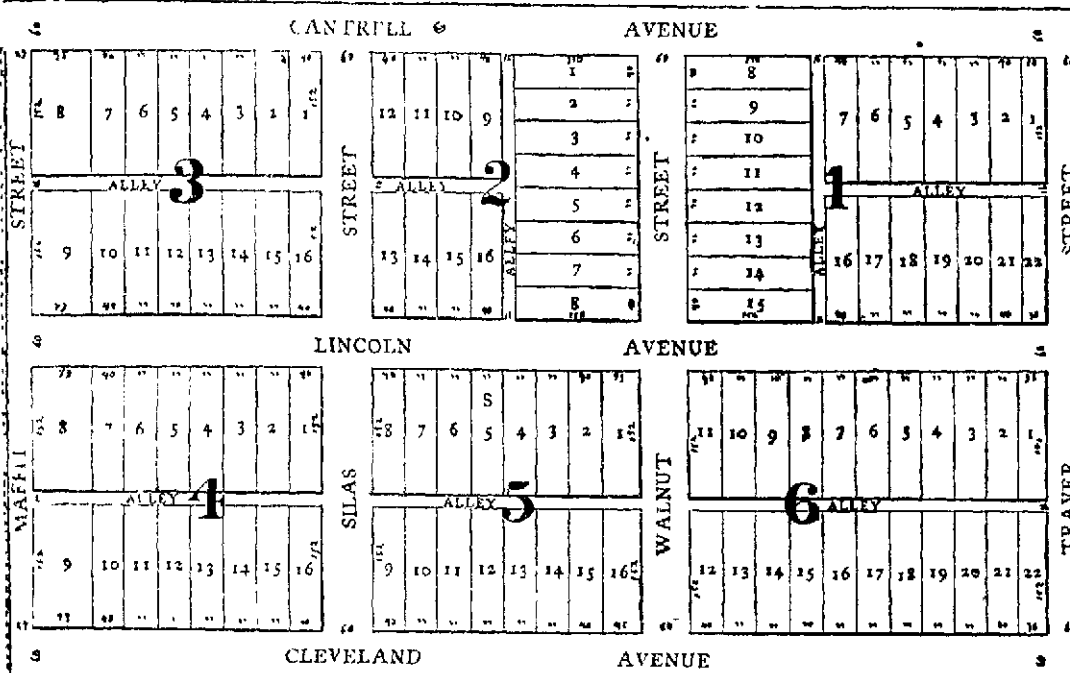
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Of falling health, whether in the form of Night Sweats, Nervousness, or in a sense of General Weakness and Loss of Appetite, should suggest the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This preparation is most effective for giving tone and strength to the enfeebled system, promoting the digestion and assimilation of food, restoring the nervous forces to their normal condition, and for purifying, enriching, and vitalizing the blood.

Failing Health.

Ten years ago my health began to fail. I was troubled with a distressing Cough, Night Sweats, Weakness, and Nervousness. I tried various remedies prescribed by different physicians, but became so weak that I could not go up stairs without stopping to rest. My friends recommended me to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which I did, and am now as healthy and strong as ever.—Mrs. E. L. Williams, Alexandria, Minn.

I have used Ayer's Sarsaparilla in my family for several years, and know it to be a reliable medicine. It has cured my children of various ailments, and I have also prescribed it as a tonic, as well as an alterative, and must say that I honestly believe it to be the best blood medicine ever compounded.—W. F. Fowler, D. D. S., M. D., Greenville, Tenn.

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It would be impossible for me to describe what I suffered from Indigestion and Headache up to the time I began taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I was under the care of various physicians and tried a great many kinds of medicine, but never obtained more than temporary relief. After taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla for a short time, the headache disappeared, and my stomach performed its duties more perfectly. To-day my health is completely restored.—Mary Harney, Springfield, Mass.

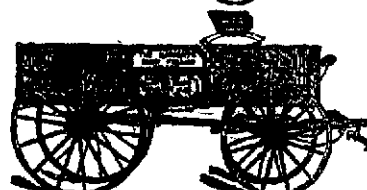
I have been greatly benefited by the prompt use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It tones and invigorates the system, regulates the action of the digestive and assimilative organs, and vitalizes the blood. It is, without doubt, the most reliable blood purifier yet discovered.—R. D. Johnson, 288 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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—To remove mildew, rub common yellow soap on the damaged article, and then salt the starch on that. Rub well and put out in the sunshine.

—Steady application is what counts in any business, especially in farming, for in this employment a day or an hour wasted is usually more than loss of time, for it is opportunity gone.

—Pickled Eggs.—Boil in a kettle one quart of vinegar, half dozen cloves, one dozen allspice, one teaspoon pepper and one tablespoon mustard, and pour over one dozen hard-boiled eggs, previously shelled and placed in a jar.—Chicago Herald.

—A scientific writer tells how water can be boiled in a sheet of writing paper. We don't doubt. We have known a man to write a few lines on a sheet of writing paper that kept him in hot water for three years.—Christian at Work.

—One poultry raiser protects his hens from lice by suspending over each hen a small bag of thin muslin filled with flour of sulphur, so that the hen will knock it in getting on and off the nest, or it may be occasionally shaken over her.

—Ben Perley Poore used to say that if farmers would thrive, they must change their policy. They must concentrate their labor, they must give to a few acres the care now usually bestowed on many, and if necessary to do this they must diminish their farms.

—Yeast Corn Cakes.—To one quart of warm water, add one cup of flour and enough meal to make a thin batter, one half cup of dried home-made yeast, soak well, then add to the batter. Let stand over night; then add salt and a little soda; bake on a hot griddle and you will have an excellent breakfast cake.—Exchange.

—To those who may not be familiar with collie dogs it may be stated that they will not drive sheep or cattle unless first trained to do so, though the supposition on the part of some is that such dogs perform the work by natural instinct. They are more easily taught to drive stock than any other breed of dogs, but they will not do so unless taught.—Indianapolis Journal.

—Quick Sponge Cake.—Take four eggs (yolks and whites separate), one cupful of pulverized sugar, one cupful flour and a pinch of salt. Beat the yolks of the eggs with the sugar; add the whites, and beat in the flour very lightly, and only just enough to mix it through, for longer beating makes it tough. Bake in a one loaf in a moderate oven, keeping the heat steady. This is the most quickly and easily made of all sponge cake.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

MANURE AND WEEDS.

A Good Argument in Favor of Buying Stable Manure for the Farm.

It is very practicable for farmers who live near city or village to furnish citizens with hay, straw, oats and the like, and then draw back to their farms at least fertility enough to produce as much more, and thus sustain their soil. But some will not avail themselves of this resource, for fear of introducing weeds or foul grasses in their fields. It is commendable for every husbandman to be certain as to the purity of the seeds he uses and to use every means to avoid all foul growth, still this method of increasing his supply of manure does not necessarily involve any risk to the farmer, so far as such foul seed is concerned, for by thoroughly rotting the manure, the germs of grain or weeds in it will be destroyed. The plan of making the manure fine before applying it to the land, I think, will fully pay for the labor. However, as for myself, since learning by experience how effectively good tillage will insure clean culture on any land regardless of its past management, and the increased producing value of short manure, and its greater strength before this fermenting and rotting than afterward, for years I ran all the hay, straw and stalks used both for feeding and bedding through the cutting machine and applied the raw manure directly to the land.

As for weeds, so long as it is ordered that "chums and chums" shall infest the ground we will be quite sure to have some of them to contend with any way; and with all hoes crops the tilling for subduing one weed to the square foot would kill a hundred just the same; or, as I prefer to put it, the tillage required for the best development of the plant we are tilling will necessarily check all other growth, whether it be ten or ten thousand weeds to each hill tilled. To using my barnyard manure in this way I was applied that it cost me but a few cents, but it was easier and better to move than pay for the labor of cutting the fodder, saying nothing of its advantages for feeding. But although it was more agreeable to use, and seemed to do more good, still I did not hesitate to buy and use what I could get readily, asking no questions as to what it was made from, and only fearing I could not get enough. One good argument in favor of buying stable manure for the farm is that we see many of our best farmers doing it, and their farms are quite as clean and free from weeds as their neighbors' who use only from their own barnyards; and those who buy and use the most seem to take the least heed as to whether they might thus bring in unwelcome weeds.—Henry Fox, in N. Y. Tribune.

Is Consumption Incurable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lung, and friends and physicians pronounced me an Incurable Consumptive. Begun taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made." Jesse Middlewart, Decatur, Ohio, says: "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Trouble. Was given up by doctors. Am now in best of health." Try it. Sample bottle free, at John A. Swearingen's Drug Store.

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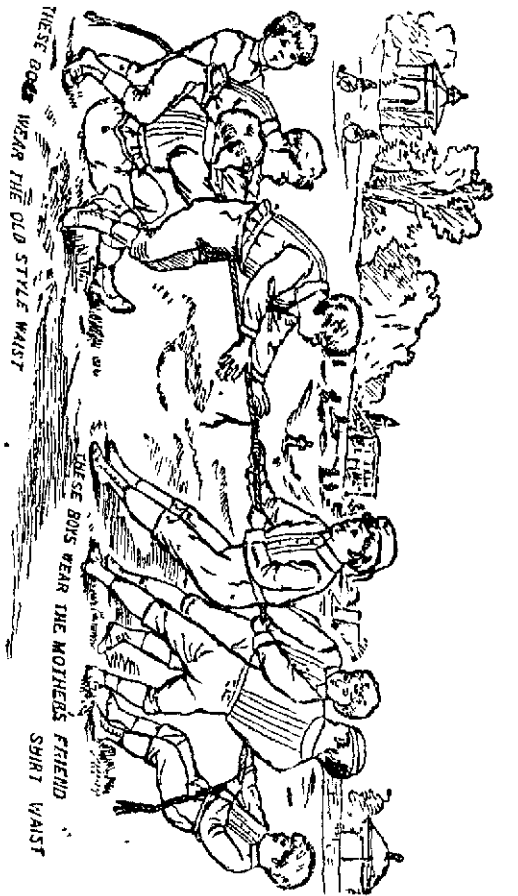
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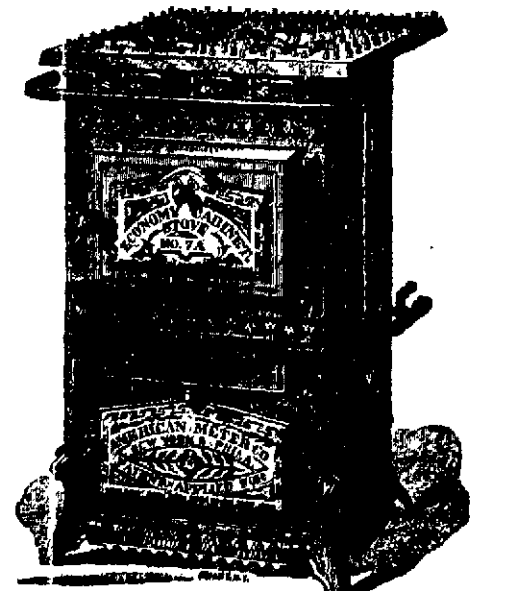
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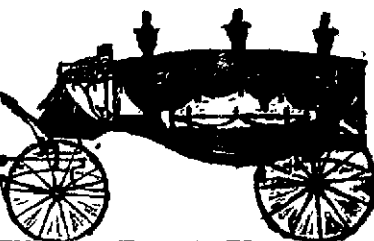
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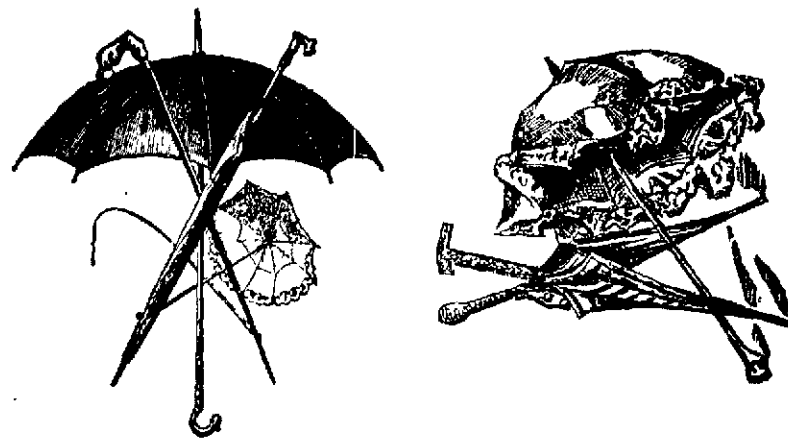
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Drink all you Want!
EVERY ONE CAN AFFORD IT.
Big JOB LOT of TEA,
Dinges & Coop's.

MONDAY EVE., AUGUST 15, 1887.

LOCAL NEWS.

See the Fairy Lumps at E. D. Bartholomew & Co's. COUNCIL meeting to-night. Telephone to Niedermeyer for good feed for stock.

Wanted badly—more games won by the Decatur club. The only John Dillon and his new comedy to-night.

The funeral of A. J. Meek, aged 35, took place at Maroon on Saturday. STEP in at Knobs & Osborne's grocery store. They have a fine assortment of table supplies.

Buy the White Foam brand and you will get the best flour. The Decatur team went to Champaign to-day. Will we win?

The new state law prohibits the marriage of cousins.

The great McIntyre & Heath model minstrels—40 men—will appear Friday night.

The Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Methodist church will give a sociable in the lecture room of the church on Thursday evening of this week. Refreshments will be served.

SUSIE POWERS was not killed in the Chatsworth wreck. Her two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Ball and Mamie Powers, were killed outright but Susie escaped injury.

This afternoon the special committee will let the contract for the construction of the proposed boiler house to cost \$900 to \$1200. The improvement will furnish heat for all the county buildings, including the new court house.

Don't forget that D. F. Hamaker has the Mitchell farm wagon in stock. He also makes a specialty of the Iron Horse vehicle.

The bills are going up on the boards for the appearance of the great Forepaugh show in Decatur on Thursday, Sept. 1. Capt. Bogardus is the chief attraction in the wild west feature.

FARM and transfer wagons made to order at A. Kramer's East Main street factory.

SATURDAY evening at Bloomington Wm. H. Wolcott, aged 40, stabbed Geo. Kurtz, a railway operator. Kurtz will probably die. Sunday a mob came near lynching Wolcott.

J. W. CLARK has had Mrs. Maggie Davis arrested on a charge of keeping a bawdy house. Trial before Justice Curtis to-morrow forenoon.

S. P. COWAN's popular grocery store is in Haworth block. Trade with Cowan.

THE Illinois Central has consented to carry mail from Maroon to Decatur on the 433 train. This will give the Maroon merchants the privilege of sending letters to Chicago, St. Louis or Cincinnati on the night train.

LYTLE & ECKELS are prepared to give close figures on the Palace heating furnace for stores and dwellings.

The colored Methodist conference is in session this week at Cairo. A successor for Rev. Charles Holmes, of the Decatur charge, is to be chosen. He will probably first appear at the camp-meeting which will begin at Oakland Park, August 20th.

Buy supplies for the table at J. Lytle & Co's handy grocery store in Opera block.

SATURDAY evening Miss Lucile Durfee entertained a party of friends in a charming manner at her home on West William street. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powers, Misses Mary Roby, Mary Voorhies, Sarah Boyd, Louie Boyd, Anna Henkle, Athelene Fuller, Blanche Gasaway, and Messrs. Fred Given, Will Haworth, Arthur Race, Lou Eymann, Frank Roby, Will Quinlan, Harry Westbay, Tom McReynolds, Will Shellbarger, James Roberts and Dick Roberts.

JUDON FOLEY has returned to Lincoln from his Iowa trip. He says the crop of small grain in Iowa was poor and the prospect for corn is worse than it is in Central Illinois. As he went out through the state one way and came back another, he had a good opportunity to note the situation.

MONEY can be saved by trading with the South Water street grocers, Hanks & Patterson.

OPRATING of the Fall term of the Decatur Musical College, September 6th. New catalogue sent free to any address upon application to the Principal, Miss Clara Irwin.

DR. S. SARGENT came to Logan county in 1864, when corn was selling at 5 cents per bushel. The memorable drought of that year sent prices up in earnest, for next year he paid \$1.50 a bushel. That was a time when it paid to hold old corn. You can get Nicker butter only at Smith & Son's grocery store. Telephone to 730 North Water street.

THEY all want it—the Shellbarger White Leaf and Daily Bread flour.

The ladies of the little Eldorado St. Mission are trying to raise a debt of about \$75.00, nearly due. Go and help them by patronizing their lawn fête next Tuesday evening, August 18th, at A. Shoemaker's, 992 E. Eldorado St. 11-45

C. B. PRESCOTT, Decatur's old reliable music dealer, carries the finest stock of pianos in Central Illinois—Haines Bros., Chickering & Sons, Hallett & Cumston, C. D. Pease and Everett. Entire satisfaction guaranteed to every customer.

W. H. Carroll was to have been a trial this morning before Odor for selling liquor on Sunday, August 7th, but he took a change of venue to Justice Curtis where he pleaded guilty. It was the second conviction for Carroll this year, and Curtis fined him \$200, besides revoking his license. The penalty is one provided by the ordinance. Some one else will probably apply for a license at the Carroll place.

At a former conviction Carroll made a solemn pledge that he would keep his place closed on Sundays. The officers say he has been selling liquor right along. P. W. Finn pleaded guilty before Odor for selling liquor on Sunday, and was fined \$25. It was his first offense.

Jack Wadwood is in custody on a charge to be preferred this afternoon. The trial of Charles Gray, for forgery, was continued in Justice Curtis' court until Monday, August 22.

Shot Himself Dead. On Sunday the dead body of George McGrew was found lying face up on a salt creek within four miles of Clinton. The deceased had a pistol in his right hand, one load discharged, and the proof was positive that McGrew had killed himself. McGrew was two brothers living near Maroon. Accompanied by a number of friends the brothers went to Decatur county to be present at the inquest. A rumor reached Decatur this forenoon that McGrew had been murdered, but this report is not credited. McGrew was a farm hand, aged 27 years.

Sales of Real Estate. John H. Jeffords to Anna C. Jeffords, 40 acres in 9, 13, 4, in Friends Creek township, \$1900.

George W. Baird to Zebulon Cox, 40 acres in 13, 14, 1, Pleasant View township, \$1200.

Just in from the Wreck. To-day we received a call from Mr. R. W. Roberts, of Ottumwa, Ia., who is in the city on business. He showed us a ticket he purchased for the Chatsworth train, and he had a very narrow escape from being a passenger on that doomed train. On the night of the wreck he was going from Fairbury to Wataaka, and when the train got to Fairbury he stepped on board, but found it so heavily loaded that after looking in vain for a seat he concluded to get off, and take a freight train which was to leave a little later. This he did, and had only got to Forrest, about five miles, when the news came that the excursion train was wrecked a few miles ahead, near Chatsworth.

The engine and coach of the freight train were immediately dispatched to the wreck, Mr. Roberts going along and arriving among the first at the wreck, and did all in his power to assist in taking out and caring for the unfortunate. He very graphically describes many of the heart-rending scenes he witnessed, but says the hardest part of all was the taking out of the little children, dead and mangled.

Mr. Roberts thinks that the stories of robbery are exaggerated, but blames the company's officers for not providing guards the day after the wreck to guard the persons and property of the victims. Mr. Roberts sketched the wreck, being the only one taken before it was disturbed by the wrecking car. Just as he had it about finished a correspondent of the Chicago Daily News came by and was so anxious to get it that Mr. Roberts was induced to let him have it on condition that it be returned after it was engraved. This sketch can be seen in last Saturday's Chicago Daily News.

Base Ball. The pitcher had a little ball, and it was white as snow, and where the striker thought it was, that ball it wouldn't go. It had an sudden in-shoot curve, it had an awful drop and when the striker wildly struck, that ball it didn't stop. "Why does the ball fool strikers so?" the children all did cry. "The pitcher twists the ball you know," the teacher did reply.

BLOOMINGTON 9; DECATUR 4. The Decatur team played good ball at Bloomington Saturday afternoon but they got waxed by the Reds 9 to 4. The boys seem to lose their cunning when they go away from home. The score was: Decatur—0 1 3 0 0 1 3 +9 Bloomington... 0 0 1 1 0 0 2 0-4

Struck out—Decatur, 9; Bloomington, 4. Batteries—for Decatur, Staley and Golden; Bloomington, Griffith and Bowman.

Two-base hits—Conley 2; Lawrence 1. Errors—Decatur, 9; Bloomington, 4. Base hits—Bloomington, 9; Decatur, 7. Saturday's game at Champaign with the Danville was 9 to 6 in favor of the Clippers.

The Decatur West End team—Maury, Rogers, Archer, Foster, McDonald, Newell, Tuttle, Akeley and Kopley—went to Forsyth Saturday and did up the big whistler club at that place 39 to 28. There were three nippers during the game—Cooper, Pattee and Kennedy.

The Butchers and the band bluggers were at it again on Sunday, and the score was 25 to 14 in favor of the horn blowers.

MAKE your arrangements to attend the colored camp-meeting at Oakland Park, beginning August 20th. The meeting will continue 10 days and will be in charge of Rev. Charles Holmes, assisted by visiting ministers and revivalists. Uncle George Winston, if he can be secured, will probably assist.

Deep Wells. Hon. J. T. Foster, of Corwin township, Logan county, has sunk a bored well 174 feet, getting a big supply and good water. The drive well being excavated for T. N. Leavitt by Messrs. Hockaday, Wise & Co. is progressing finely. They were delayed some time by having to wait for tubing. The well is down about 85 feet, and water is expected at about 100 feet. The machine works well and in prospect shows for deep wells.—Alton News.

For removing dandruff, Ayer's Hair Vigor has no equal. It restores faded and gray hair to its original color, stimulates the growth of the hair, and gives it a beautiful, glossy and silken appearance.

The ladies of the congregation will give a sociable and ice cream festival at Long Creek Church on Tuesday, Aug. 23, beginning at 4 p. m. to which they cordially invite all members and friends of the church.

Masonic Benevolent Association of Central Illinois. \$947,517.10 paid beneficiaries. \$104,733.90 paid from surplus fund. For information enquire of

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Hon. John H. Baugh, secretary of the State Board of Health, arrived in Decatur Saturday night for the purpose of securing a quantity of the city water supply for analysis, in order that the board may be qualified to answer an inquiry sent in from Petersburg, which city is arranging to establish a water works system similar to our own. In company with Dr. W. J. Chouoweth, Secretary of the State Board of Health, he visited the Sangamon river on Sunday and procured a quantity of the water out of the river at the point where the water flows into the filter. Then he went 100 yards below the point where the sewerage empties into the river and got another vessel of water. Coming up town he got more water from a hydrant as it is pumped into the city. All of the vessels were properly labeled, and this morning the secretary left for Springfield to have the water analyzed by experts. The water in the river at Springfield will also be analyzed. The Decatur water is deemed pure and perfectly healthy. Secretary Baugh will forward the result of the analysis for publication in Decatur.

The Institute. The annual institute of the Macon county teachers began at the High School building this afternoon, with an address by Mr. Freeman, of the State Superintendent's office. There will be over 300 teachers present.

John Dillon. This favorite comedian will appear to-night in his new play, "Wanted, The Earth." John has a strong supporting company.

The Gas Well. The State Brothers, who are searching for natural gas on their lot, have determined to abandon the old hole, which is about 500 feet deep, and move the derrick six feet east of its present site. The gentlemen had put about 450 feet of iron casing in the old hole, and desiring to draw it out a section broke off, so they have lost a considerable portion of the casing. It cannot be taken out and will stay where it is, for explorers centuries hence to wonder at when they find the iron column in the ground.

New casing of larger diameter has been secured and as soon as the derrick is removed the boring will be resumed.

Quite a number of citizens are deeply interested in the enterprise of the State Brothers and frequently visit the tower. No doubt many of them would like to become financially interested in the project. Doubtless the State Brothers would favorably consider a proposition to sell shares of stock.

PERSONAL MENTION. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve A. McWhorter at Omaha, Neb., a son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Shively were at Charleston on Sunday.

E. D. Casey, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., is in the city on a visit to relatives and friends.

John Ulrich, wife and daughter are at the Spring City hotel, Waukegan, Wis.

F. B. Tait and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Boyer have been at Champaign visiting G. J. Timmons and family.

Hon. H. J. Hamlin, of Shelbyville, was in the city to-day. He is a possible candidate for governor.

Rev. T. I. Conluis was at Jacksonville Sunday, preaching at Grace church as a supply for Rev. Musgrave.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balston, of Delaware, Ohio, are guests of John S. Campbell and family.

Miss Ethel Boyd has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mason, her grandparents, at Mt. Pulaski.

Hester I. Baldwin arrived home Saturday night after a five weeks trip through the northern states.

Chairman Woodcock came up from Macon to-day to open the bids for the new boiler house for the county buildings.

Miss Jennie Edick, of Latham, daughter of A. J. Edick, who was in the Chatsworth wreck, is a guest of the Misses Shoemaker on East Eldorado street.

Bob Mazzy, who was with Morricks' Band with the Sells Bros' circus three weeks, is home on the sick list. He says the show cleared \$20,000 at St. Paul, Minneapolis and Milwaukee.

Jacksonville Journal. Rev. W. H. Musgrave and family leave tomorrow for their western trip. We are glad to welcome them back. Dr. Musgrave is looking remarkably healthy and bright.

George I. Harry, of Lincoln, who was here recently with a view of opening a large retail grocery store, has about decided to locate at Minneapolis, Minn.

M. B. Pratt arrived in Decatur this morning from Lincoln, Neb., called here by the dangerous illness of his father, E. B. Pratt. The family are now all in Decatur, also one brother from Connecticut. A slight improvement was noticed by his physicians this morning.

Exhibits for State Fair. E. O. Hopkins, the general freight agent of the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville, has issued the following order which will be of general interest to the many parties on this line who contemplate making exhibits at the Illinois state fair at Olney, September 24 to 30, 1887:

"To Agents and Shippers: All exhibits to go to the state fair to be held at Olney, Ill., from September 24th to 30th, 1887, inclusive, we will return free to all points on this road, on presentation of a certificate from the secretary of the fair to the effect that the same has been on exhibit and has not changed ownership."

The prospects for the coming state fair are excellent and improving daily and there is no doubt but what there will be a large and attractive exhibit in each department.

The committee appointed by the board of supervisors to investigate the accounts of the ex-officials of Sangamon county, claimed Friday to have found that ex-Treasurer Nelson owed the county \$11,202.88. He was presented with a bill for that amount, but declined to pay it, and will contest the legality of the claim. Mr. Nelson retired from the office Dec. 1.

ATER'S SARSAPARILLA is designed for those who need a medicine to purify their blood. No other preparation so well meets this want. It increases the appetite and rejuvenates the whole system. Its record for forty years is one of constant triumph over disease.

Southern Land Excursions. August 20th, September 20th and October 11th, the Illinois Central Railroad will sell Round Trip tickets from all points in Illinois and Iowa to Jackson, Tennessee, Aberdeen, Jackson and Yazoo City, Mississippi, Hammond, Jennings and Lake Charles, Louisiana, at ONE FARE for the round trip, tickets limited to 30 days and good for stop-overs at points south of Cairo, Tennessee, and en route to visit the above points should take advantage of these excursions and advise the undersigned at what point they will take the Illinois Central, that ample coach and sleeping car accommodations may be provided. Also, address the undersigned at Manchester, Iowa, for excursion bills, rates, etc.

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The Rev. B. B. Tyler, of New York, occupied the pulpit at the Christian church on Sunday morning and evening, preaching two splendid sermons. His subject in the evening was "Beginning at Jerusalem."

Rev. C. R. Morrison, of Newmark, Ill., was the supply for Rev. Conluis at the First M. E. church on Sunday. His subject at the morning hour was "The Simplicity of Christ," and at night, "Buy the Word and Sell It Not." The discourses had been carefully prepared and were read from manuscript. The clergyman is a forcible writer and was greeted by two large congregations.

There was a hard rain for the space of nearly an hour Saturday night, accompanied by brilliant lightning. It flooded the gutters and streets for a short time. On Sunday morning there was another rain but it was of a steady, light character. The prospects for more frequent rains are more flattering.

A Bloody Fight. A bloody fight with knives and revolvers took place on Sunday at Isabel, Ill., a small village five miles east of Oakland, which will probably result in the death of two men, John and Ed Richardson, brothers. The two brothers went to Jim Allen's jug saloon after some beer. The bartender refused to serve them and they attempted to force him to do so, drawing a revolver on him. He had nothing but a knife, but this he used in so vigorous a manner as to cut both men so severely that the doctors say they will die. Allen was arrested and taken to the Paris jail.

TOWNSHIP Sunday school convention at Maroon to-morrow. Austin will hold its convention Sunday, August 21st, Decatur township on Thursday, August 25th, and Hickory on Sunday, August 28.

THE inmates of a dwelling on West William street were suddenly awakened early this morning by a racket among the chickens at the rear of the lot. On seeking the scene of the trouble four dogs were discovered helping themselves to fine Plymouth chickens, four of which had been killed by the canines. The door of the chicken yard enclosure had been blown open by the wind in the night. The dogs barely escaped alive.

Condition of Crops. Director Mills, of the Illinois Department of the Board of Agriculture, informs us under date of August 14th, that there has been an improvement in the condition of corn during the past week, and the counties in which there will be a three-fourths average yield per acre are the exception. The most encouraging prospects for corn are reported by the observers of Ogle, Carroll and Rock Island counties. The condition of corn is better in the counties of Champaign, Sangamon and Pike than elsewhere in the Central Division of the state. The outlook for corn in the southern portion of the state is very encouraging, and the best prospects are reported in the counties of Edwards, Hamilton and Pulaski, in which from two-thirds to three-fourths of an average yield per acre is predicted. The prospects are encouraging for an average yield per acre of Irish potatoes in Pike county, and from two-thirds to three-fourths of an average yield in the counties of Ogle, Rock Island, Stark, Randolph and Edwards, and from 10 to 50 per cent of an average in the remaining counties from which reports have been received. The prospects for fruit are very encouraging in all portions of the state. In the following counties from half to three-fourths of an average crop of apples are reported, viz: Rock Island, Edwards, Champaign, Effingham, Wayne, Hamilton, Randolph and Pulaski. A number of observers report that there will be no apples and from 10 to 25 per cent of an average crop is predicted for a number of southern counties. In only three counties—Edgar, Tazewell and Shelby—is there an encouraging report concerning the condition of pastures, and in these counties the showers of the preceding week have as yet made but little impression on the grass lands. The majority of the observers report pastures dried up, turned up, poor, none, etc. There will be a great scarcity of fall pasturage, unless there are abundant rains at an early date.

Band Excursion. On Sunday, August 21st, Goodman's band will give a dollar excursion to Springfield on the Wabash, giving everybody an opportunity to visit the Capital and the encampment of the Fifth Regiment at Camp Lincoln. The train will leave Decatur at 8 a. m., and returning leave Springfield in the evening. The band will give a concert in front of the Decatur Guards headquarters while at the camp. Tickets may be had at Prescott's, at Shine's store, or any member of the band. 12-4td

The Ham Property. James W. Ham is in the city to sell the Ham property on the corner of North Main and King streets. The lot has a frontage of 50 feet, with two large dwellings on it. The property can be had for \$3,000. Mr. Ham can be seen at the St. Nicholas hotel. 11-4d

Western and Northwestern Land Excursions. The Illinois Central R. R. will run three Land Excursions to points in the West and Northwest including Le Mars, Iowa. Dates are Aug. 30, Sept. 20, and Oct. 11. Rates One fare for the round trip. Tickets limited to 30 days and good for stop over privileges west of and including Iowa Falls. Tickets for above excursions will be on sale at all Illinois Central points in Illinois and between Dubuque and Cedar Falls inclusive in Iowa. Remember Iowa is the garden spot of the world and these excursions furnish excellent opportunities for visiting it. For Excursion bills, rates of fare, etc., apply to I. C. agents or to the undersigned at Manchester, Iowa. J. F. MERRY. Gen. West. Pass. Agt.

DIED. At Niantic, on Sunday morning, August 14, of typhoid fever, Thos. Connor, in the 70th year of his age. The funeral occurred this Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The ladies of Grace Mission invite you to attend their lawn fête next Tuesday evening, August 16th, at Mr. Shoemaker's residence, 992 East Eldorado street. Elegant refreshments will be served. No admission fee. Come and patronize us. 11-45

If you are interested in aiding a good cause attend the lawn fête to be given by the ladies of Grace Mission next Tuesday eve, Aug. 16th, at the residence of A. A. Shoemaker, on East Eldorado street. The proceeds from the refreshment tables will go toward paying a debt of about \$75, nearly due. 11-45

The Chicago Grain Market. The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Commission Merchant:

WHEAT—69 Aug; 70% Sept; 71% Oct; 81 May.

CORN—40% Aug; 40% Sept; 41% Oct; 45% May.

OSAR—24% Aug; 25% Sept; 26% Oct; 31% May.

POKE—\$15.50 Aug; \$16.50 Sept; \$16.50 Oct.

LARD—\$6.55 Aug; \$6.55 Sept; \$6.65 Oct.

RYE—\$3.00 Aug; \$3.00 Sept; \$3.10 Oct.

Live Stock—Estimated receipts—Hogs 10,000; prospects strong, higher.

Cattle, 7,000; prospects stronger.

Sheep, 1,000; prospects strong.

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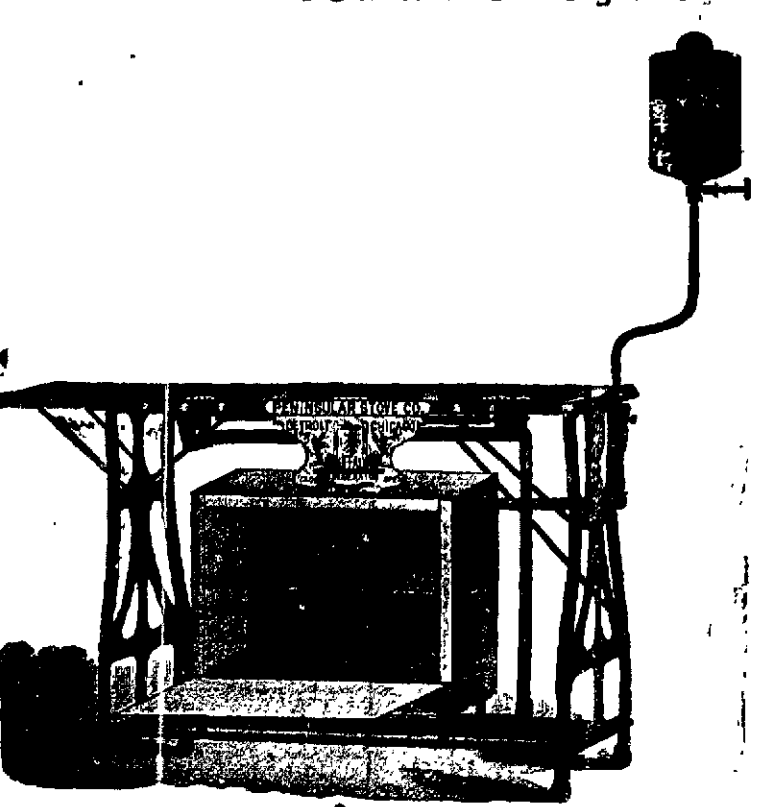
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